CONSTITUTION

AND

By-Laws

OF THE

Burns Club of Hamilton,

AS ADOPTED

At the Organization of the Club,

FEBRUARY 23RD, 1858.

"Man to man the warld o'er shall brothers be."--BURNS.

HAMILTON, C. W.

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Preamble.

ADMIRERS of the Genius of ROBERT BURNS, desiring to respond to the calls of his fame, and perpetuate, in this city, the Birth night celebrations of his memory,—we have resolved to organize this Association—in 1858, and have agreed to be governed by the following Constitution and By-Laws; hoping, while we promote among ourselves the growth of friendship, charity, and good fellowship, to pay a tribute of appreciation to our favorite Bard.

At a meeting of "THE BURNS CLUB OF HAMILTON," held this evening, Tuesday, February 23rd, 1858, at the Club Room, McNab Street, the following Constitution and By-Laws, were reported by the Committee, heretofore appointed for that purpose, and, after being considered and amended, were unanimously adopted by the Club, and the Officers were directed to sign the same in due form, and have two hundred and fifty copies thereof, printed in pamphlet form, for the use of the members.

GEORGE PATTILLO, President.

JOHN PETTIGREW, 1st Vice Pres't.

W. ALLAN, 2nd Vice Pres't.

ALEX. HARVEY, Treasurer.

D. CURRIE, Secretary.

Constitution and By-Laws.

1. The name of this Association shall be THE BURNS CLUB OF HAMILTON, C. W.

2. Its Officers shall consist of a President, a First and Second Vice President, a Secretary and a Treasurer, who shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Club, on the first Monday of January, for the term of one year.

3. Every anniversary of Burns' Birth night, shall be celebrated by a Supper; and the officers of the Club are hereby constituted a Committee for making all necessary arrangements therefor; and should the twenty-fifth day of January fall on a Sunday, then the celebration shall take place on the following Monday.

4. A meeting of the Club shall be held annually, on the first Monday of January, for the transaction of business.

5. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Club; to preserve order among the members; to see that the Constitution and By-Laws are strictly observed and enforced; to put the question and declare the decision; to sign orders on the Treasurer; and exercise the authority usually delegated to Presidents of similar societies.

6. In the absence of the President, the First Vice President shall preside at the meetings, and perform all the other duties of the President; in case of the absence of both President and First Vice President, then the Second Vice President shall act. At the annual celebration, the First and Second Vice Presidents shall assist the President, and in the absence of the three Executive Officers, the Treasurer and Secretary shall appoint Presiding Officers for the evening.

7. The Secretary shall keep the books and minutes of the Society, with the exception of the Treasurer's books, and shall make regular entries of all the Society's proceedings in the minute book. He shall notify members of their election, and summon members to the meetings, either by public advertisement, or a notice to each member.

8. The Treasurer shall have the custody of the funds of the Club, and pay out the same only on an order from the Secretary, countersigned by the President; he shall keep an account of all receipts and disbursements, and report on the same at the annual meeting, on the first Monday of January, of each year.

9. Any Gentleman applying for membership must be proposed by a member, and must receive a majority of the votes present.

10. Every application for membership, must be accompanied by 50 cents as the initiation fee.

11. Each member shall pay an annual fee of One Dollar into the funds of the Club.

12. All annual dues shall be paid at the annual meetings on the first Monday of January; and when any member shall omit to pay at said meeting, then the member so omitting, shall pay his said dues when he purchases his ticket for the annual celebration; and a failure to pay then shall justify the Club in refusing to such member a ticket for said celebration.

13. It shall be the duty of every member to attend the annual celebration; and any member omitting to attend said celebration for two consecutive years, shall have his name stricken from the list of members.

14. None but those invited by members shall participate in the annual celebration.

15. At all meetings of the Club, politics, sectarian and religious topics, are strictly prohibited.

16. The annual Celebrations shall not extend beyond 12 o'clock at night.

17. Extra meetings of the Club shall be called by the President, on the written application of seven members, stating the object of the meeting.

18. Seven members shall constitute a quorum to transact business.

19. All the members are required to sign the Constitution and By-Laws.

20. The Club shall meet the first Monday of each month, for transacting business.

21. All members must attend the regular monthly

meeting, failing to do so, they will be fined 12½ cents, unless a sufficient reason be given for their absence.

22. As a mark of respect, the Club may create two Honorary members every year, at the annual meeting. They shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of ordinary members, without being required to pay any of the dues.

23. Any member for infringing the Constitution and By-Laws, shall render himself liable to be fined from one to five dollars, and for behaving in a manner unbecoming a gentleman, to be expelled from the Club; in both cases, by a majority of the members present at any meeting of the Club.

24. The Constitution and By-Laws shall not be altered, unless by the votes of a majority of all the members, at a meeting called for that purpose, on an application signed by twenty one members, and specifying the proposed alteration, which must be published in two daily papers.

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